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To the Chairman and Members
of the Urban District Council of Lakes.

Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District during the year 1942.

This Report is issued in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health which requires economy in the matter of paper, and that such reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected Public Health.

I am much indebted to the help I have received from the School Medical Officers of the County in carrying out immunization against Diphtheria, and tender to them my thanks.

Should you desire any further particulars, I shall be glad to supply the same on your request.

I have the honour to be,
Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

W. BARON COCKILL,
Medical Officer of Health.

7th June, 1943.

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FOR THE
Year Ending December 31st, 1942.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Birth Rate	9.4
,, ,, England and Wales	15.8
Still Birth Rate	27
Death Rate	10.9
,, ,, England and Wales	11.6

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :—	Deaths	Death Rate
Puerperal Sepsis	1	13.4
Other Puerperal Causes ...	Nil.	Nil.
Total	1	13.4

Maternal Mortality Rate, England and Wales ... 2.01

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—

All Infants	114
Legitimate Infants	123
Illegitimate Infants	Nil.
Infantile Death Rate, England and Wales ...	49
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	10
,, ,, Measles (all ages)	Nil.
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	Nil.
,, ,, Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age) ...	2

The largest number of deaths from any one cause were :—

Heart Disease	18
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	10
Cancer	10

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

Chlorination of Ambleside water supply has been carried out.

Sewerage.

Two private sewage disposal systems were re-designed in order to abate nuisance.

Public Cleansing.

In the Clappersgate and Loughrigg Area, the Council has carried out this work.

Housing.

No new houses have been erected during the year, but four buildings have been converted into dwellings.

Salvage.

The Sanitary Inspector has acted as Salvage Officer.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

No sampling has been done.

Meat.

This has been supplied from the Central Slaughter House at Kendal.

ADULTERATION, ETC., AND CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority, and this work is carried out by Mr. C. J. H. Stock, B.Sc., F.I.C., County Analyst, Darlington.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable disease was not prevalent, and consisted of eight cases of Scarlet Fever, one of Diphtheria, seven of Pneumonia, two of Erysipelas, one of Puerperal Pyrexia and twenty-three of Measles.

Modern Isolation Hospital accommodation is still lacking.

Artificial Immunization against Diphtheria has been continued and A.P.T. is the prophylactic which has been used; 72 children under five and 76 children of school age have been immunized.

There is a Sick Bay at Ibbotsholme, a Day Nursery at Quarry Garth, and a hostel for Women's Land Army (Timber Corps) at The Hollins, Grasmere.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES TABLE

DISEASE	Total	AGES												Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
		—1	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10	15—	20—	35—	45—	65—		
Scarlet Fever	8	—	—	1	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	8	—
Diphtheria	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia	7	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	2	—	1
Erysipelas	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	23	—	3	—	—	—	17	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	42	—	3	1	1	1	21	3	3	3	1	3	2	9	1

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
15	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	3	3	3	1	—	—	—

Four Pulmonary cases were notified, one of which had contracted the disease elsewhere but came to reside in the Area; one case died. There were six non-Pulmonary cases, four being glandular and one each of the eye and spine; one of these was an imported case and one had developed the disease during service with the Army.